



Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc.
25 Eastern Beach Rd, Geelong, Vic, 3220

SEASON 2022-2023
Saturday 1st October 2022 – Saturday 30th September 2023

Notice of Race (NOR)

The Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc. (RGYC) as the Organizing Authority (OA) invites owners of eligible boats to apply for entry to the RGYC racing to be held on Corio Bay and Port Phillip.

[DP] – A rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the jury or protest committee.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1 or Part 2.
- 1.2 COVID-19 restrictions, regulations and guidelines shall apply as specified by the Victorian State Government and the Australian Government.
- 1.3 RRS 52 will not apply to the adjustment and operation of sails.
- 1.4 RRS 52 is changed to permit the use of electronic steering devices for Two-Handed Series races.
- 1.5 RRS 60.1 is changed as follows: Allocated handicaps shall not be grounds for protest or request for redress by a boat.
- 1.6 Retractable keels must be locked down prior to racing.
- 1.7 A keelboat skipper and crew shall have completed a Man Overboard (MOB) drill and lodged a MOB Compliance Declaration to RGYC prior to 31st October 2022 or her first race.
- 1.8 Boats failing to comply with NOR 1.6 will be scored DSQ without a hearing for all races prior to submission of the declaration. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 1.9 A boat found to have impeded the operation of commercial shipping shall be responsible for all financial obligations resulting from the reported incident.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be posted on the RGYC web site [HERE](#) and Official Notice Board (ONB) located adjacent to the RGYC slipway.
- 2.2 Separate SI's will be posted for the racing as follows;
 - 2.2.1 Alpha Course: Keelboats and Multihulls
 - 2.2.2 Bravo Course: OTB boats

2.2.3 Charlie Course: Etchells, VX One and Sports Boats

2.2.4 Supplementary SI's for Women's Helm Series, Winter Series and selected special races.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 [DP] All boats other than OTB boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 10,16,69,70,71,72,73.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The series is open to boats that are on the RGYC Vessel Register;
 - 4.1.1 Keelboats and Multihulls competing in Saturday Aggregate, Two-Handed, Women's Helm, and Winter Series races: AS Special Regulations Category 6 plus VHF radio
 - 4.1.2 Keelboats and Multihulls competing in Twilight races: AS Special Regulations Category 6 plus VHF radio and navigation lights
 - 4.1.3 Keelboats and Multihulls competing in Tuff Marine races and the Gannet Cup race: AS Special Regulations Category 5N
 - 4.1.4 Etchells:- AS Special Regulations Category 7 plus VHF radio
 - 4.1.5 VX One:- AS Special Regulations Part 2 plus VHF radio
 - 4.1.6 Sports Boats:- AS Special Regulations Category 7 plus VHF radio
 - 4.1.7 OTB Classes:- AS Special Regulations Part 2
- 4.2 Boats will be allocated a Performance Handicap System (PHS) by the Handicapping Committee.
- 4.3 IRC, AMS, ORCc ratings may apply to boats racing in the Keelboat Saturday Aggregate series. Current certificates may be requested by the Sailing Committee.
- 4.4 Current AS Yardsticks will apply to boats racing in the OTB Mixed Fleet racing.
- 4.5 Boats may be allocated into divisions by the Handicapping Committee.
- 4.6 **To be eligible to receive results in all Season 2022-2023 races, boats may enter online below;**
 - Alpha Course** [ENTER HERE](#)
 - Bravo Course:** [ENTER HERE](#)
 - Charlie Course:** [ENTER HERE](#)
- 4.7 To be considered an entry in the event a boat shall meet all entry requirements and pay the entry fee.
- 4.8 Boats owned or part-owned by a member under Disciplinary Suspension shall not race.

- 4.9 Keelboat safety audits must be completed using the Yacht Safe audit process:
- 4.9.1 Boats must be registered with Yacht Safe, complete & lodge their on-line safety declaration by 1st October 2022, obtain a safety category sticker and attach that sticker to the stern of the boat. Click [HERE](#) for more information.
 - 4.9.2 Audits are only by appointment made from the Yacht Safe app.
 - 4.9.3 Boats that fail to have an audit completed by Monday 31st October 2022 shall be scored DNC without a hearing in all races prior to completion of the audit. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
 - 4.9.4 If physical audits are not possible due to COVID restrictions, random checks will be conducted throughout the season. If a boat is found to be non-compliant, any race results accrued up to that date will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 4.10 OTB safety and equipment checks will be conducted prior to the first race of the season. More information on this will be posted on the Club website and the ONB.
- 4.11 A boat's skipper and crew shall be a member of RGYC, either with a RGYC sailing membership or be able to obtain a day membership "SailPass". Instructions and guidelines to obtain a SailPass is available [HERE](#).
- 4.12 The boat's owner/regular skipper and one other crew member must attend at least one (1) Pre-Season Skipper and Crew Information sessions.
- 4.13 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA if the request to enter is received at least two (2) business days prior to the intended race and with payment of the full season Entry Fee.
- 4.14 Casual entries will be accepted for all courses with the following conditions;
- 4.14.1 Casual entry requests must be submitted to the Club two (2) business days prior to the race. Refer to the Casual Entry page [HERE](#).
 - 4.14.2 Casual entries are not eligible for prizes or aggregate scores
 - 4.14.3 To be considered an entry in a race, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5. FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Series description	Fee (incl GST)
Alpha Course	\$350 (\$100 credited back to owner's POS wallet)
Charlie Course	\$350 (\$100 credited back to owner's POS wallet)
Bravo Course Senior	\$250 (\$100 credited back to owner's POS wallet)
Bravo Course Junior	\$100
Alpha & Charlie Course Casual Entry	\$30 per day
Bravo Course Casual Entry	\$20 per day

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Dates of racing are detailed in the official Racing Calendar on the RGYC website. Click [HERE](#) to view the calendar.

7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS

- 7.1 Random safety audits may occur throughout the season.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 The courses to be sailed will be described in the SI's.

9. SCORING

- 9.1 RRS A4 and A5 are changed such that three (3) series entrant boats are required to start in a class or division for a race to be scored.
- 9.2 Rule A5.3 applies

10. RISK STATEMENT

- 10.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

11. INSURANCE

- 11.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with the valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$10,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.
- 11.2 A Certificate of Currency must be downloaded in the entry process using the Topyacht Entry System. Instructions are available to download from the entry page.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

Class Entry Numbers	Prizes given
1 – 3	1 st
4 – 6	1 st & 2 nd
More than 6	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 13.1 For further information please contact Sailing and Boating Manager, RGYC;
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